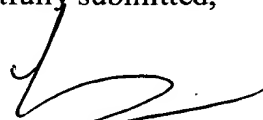


**REMARKS**

Supplement to the Preliminary Amendment filed May 10, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the instant application be further amended as provided above. Specifically, claims 19, 80, 105 and 115 are amended to further clarify the claim language by adding a comma after the phrase "wherein an operation". No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 19-27, 80-87 and 105-123 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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